

described, the upper range of windows lighting the gymnasium, which is of precisely the same dimensions as the principal school-room, viz. 90 feet long by 45 wide. At the north end of the gymnasium, there is, we understand, to be a large and handsome window, filling up the open arch, which at present gives to this part of the building a naked and unfinished appearance. The entire length of frontage occupied by the college is 240 feet.

The ground plan of the building appears to be admirably designed with reference to the general economy of the institution which it is intended to accommodate. In the centre, immediately behind the tower, is the lecture-room, which measures 32 feet by 40, and is exceedingly lofty. This opens into the large school-room on the right, and corresponds with it in architectural design, the ceiling of both apartments being formed of deeply-sunk panels, somewhat similar to the ceiling of Christ Church. The six or eight rooms on the ground-floor front, being intended for class-rooms, and other offices connected with the various purposes of the College, open either immediately into the school-room or into other parts of the interior, as may best suit the purposes to which they may be ultimately applied.

The entire cost of the building, including additions to the original contract, it is computed, will not exceed 7,000*l*. The contract was taken by Mr. Davis, of Frome, who appears to have fulfilled his undertakings much to the satisfaction of his employers, who speak highly of the workman-like manner in which every part of the building has been executed. The stone used in the structure was mostly procured from the Dovedale Quarries.—*Cheltenham Looker-on*.

#### SERIOUS DISCOVERY.

A VERY serious discovery has been made as to the state of the almost matchless roof of St. Mary's Church, Norwich. Mr. Cottingham having been requested to examine some part of the steeple, the security of which was doubted, discovered that the buttment of the nave on the south side had bulged, and immediately suspected that the roof timbers had lost their hold at the bottom, which on stripping off part of the lead proved to be the fact to a very alarming degree. The plate, as far as yet examined, is entirely rotted away, as well as the feet of the rafters, and what is still more important, the ends of the hammer beams, on the underside of which the angels are carved, have decayed, so that these principal timbers have no other support than the corbels forming the capitals of the slender shafts which rise between the arches, and these have in several instances become loose, whilst the upright between the corbel and the hammer beam has parted several inches from the wall, but according to the fashion of recent times has been stopp'd up and hidden from the eye by plaster and strips of wood. Mr. Cottingham is of opinion that the discovery is made but just in time to prevent a fearful desolation of this beautiful church, and it will be indispensably necessary to take out the unsound parts of the timber, and thoroughly secure the abutments of this precious structure. The churchwardens have directed Mr. Cottingham to continue the examination, and to make a report for the consideration of the parishioners.

#### VICTORIA BUILDING COMPANY.

Yarmouth, May 25.

THE annual meeting of the shareholders, which should have been held in the month of January, was held at the Town-hall, on Wednesday, the 17th instant. B. Dowson, Esq., was in the chair, and the following shareholders were present: the Mayor, Capt. Baines, Messrs. G. D. Palmer, H. V. Worship, J. E. Lacombe, P. Kemp, T. F. Steward, F. R. Reynolds, A. Woods, W. Worship, J. Pritchard, W. Smith, J. C. Smith, C. Sloman, C. J. Palmer, D. Swirles, W. Wright, and John Key.

The time of meeting was 11 o'clock; but in consequence of the absence of the architect the business did not really commence till 12.

The Chairman animadverted upon the protracted absence of Mr. Nelson, the architect, who, as appeared by the minutes, had not been

in Yarmouth between the 25th August, 1842, and the 12th April, 1843.

Mr. C. J. Palmer read the following report: The Directors have the satisfaction of stating, that all the contracts, mentioned in their last report as having been entered into, are now completed.

The hotel and the adjoining house, and the stables and coach-house, were let on lease to Mr. Balla, from the 24th of June last.

The second house (being No. 3, Kimberley-terrace) has been let on lease to Mr. Freeman, of Norwich.

These houses have been handsomely furnished by the tenants; and the Directors have much satisfaction in stating that already one of the objects which the shareholders had in view when the company was formed, has been attained, namely, the inducing persons of high rank and wealth to visit Yarmouth.

The terrace has been furnished with seats for the accommodation of the public; and the numbers by which it was frequented during the summer months of the past year, sufficiently attest the estimation in which this splendid promenade is held, both by the inhabitants and by visitors.

The Directors have much pleasure in stating that, since their last report, the commissioners for lighting and paving the town have improved the roads leading to the Company's ground, both from St. Peter's church and the Jetty-road.

The Directors regret that the want of sufficient funds prevents their completing Kimberley Terrace: they trust that arrangements may be made by which that desirable object will be accomplished.

The Directors are ready to admit that they have met with many unexpected difficulties in the execution of their trust; but feeling satisfied that in what they have done they have been solely actuated by a sincere desire to carry into effect the plans as originally designed, they confidently call upon the shareholders for their approval and support.

By the account annexed to this report, the financial position of the Company will be seen.

The Directors deem it necessary that the fifth call should be made, and suggest its being paid with as little delay as possible.

An income is at present derived from the rents of the houses already erected, but the amount is insufficient to declare a dividend. It is as under—

Victoria Hotel.....	£100 for the first year
	£200 for the second year
	£300 a year during the remainder of the term
No. 2, Kimberley-terrace	£70 a year
No. 3, Kimberley-terrace	£42 a year—until an adjoining house to the north is completed, when the rent will be increased to £84 a year.

The shareholders will bear in mind, that the profits of the undertaking must arise from the increased value which the building-ground belonging to the Company will attain, in consequence of the large expenditure which has taken place in the formation of the Esplanade, Terrace, and Roads.

The Directors have caused a plan of an intended street, to be called Camperdown-place, running East and West, to be prepared; the houses in which will be on such a scale as to command the attention of small capitalists, and each house will have a view of the sea.

The Directors are ready to treat for the sale of building sites; and, observing that houses are rapidly increasing in the immediate vicinity of their ground, they anticipate little difficulty in the disposal of them.

Since the Directors had the pleasure of meeting the shareholders last year, an Act has been passed to authorize the construction of a railway from Yarmouth to Norwich; the Eastern Counties Railway has also been opened to Colchester (thus reducing the time-distance between Yarmouth and London by several hours); the Northern and Eastern Railway has been opened to Bishop's Stortford, and an Act will be obtained to extend this line to Newport; a bill is also now pending in Parliament to authorize the extension of the London and Birmingham Railway to Peterborough; and a projected line between Norwich and Cambridge has already been surveyed by Mr. Stephenson. It is, therefore, probable that, at no very dis-

tant period, Yarmouth will have a direct railway communication both with the metropolis and the manufacturing districts.

When this takes place, there can be no doubt but that the property of the Company will be greatly increased in value.

In conclusion, the Directors call upon the Shareholders cordially to unite with them in carrying out the undertaking in which they are embarked.

H. V. Worship, Esq., has been elected to supply a vacancy in the direction, subject to the confirmation of the shareholders.

W. Johnson, Esq., and R. P. Kemp, Esq., are the Directors who go out of office by rotation.

#### VICTORIA BUILDING ACCOUNT.

Dr.	£.	s.	d.
To preliminary expenses .....	403	13	6
To amount expended on buildings, viz.—			
Victoria Hotel .....	£4796	10	9
Two houses (Kimberley Terrace) .....	3457	1	11
Stables & coach-houses .....	822	7	11
Tap and additional buildings to hotel .....	1076	9	5
	10152	10	0
To amount expended for vaults and paving for seven houses not yet built .....	290	2	0
To amount expended on esplanade, terrace, sea-wall, roads, and boundary walls .....	2002	16	9
To paid for well and pipes .....	59	10	0
To architect's commission and travelling expenses .....	795	8	0
To clerk of works, salary, &c. ....	297	1	2
	1092	9	2
To counsel's fees, deed of settlement, &c. ....	100	18	6
To advertisements, printing, &c. ....	38	5	6
To incidental payments, including insurance, use of hall, &c. ....	68	18	7
To solicitors' bill .....	130	19	11
	339	2	6
To purchase of land .....	1624	3	9
	£13964	7	8
CR.	£.	s.	d.
By amount paid .....	12095	7	3
By balance due .....	3869	0	5
	£15964	7	8

#### CASH ACCOUNT.

Dr.	£.	s.	d.
To cash received on four calls .....	10060	14	7
To fees .....	£169	6	0
To rent to Christmas, 1842 .....	80	0	0
To interest received .....	55	14	5
	310	0	5
To cash of H. V. Worship, Esq., on loan .....	1000	0	0
To the like of Messrs. Reynolds and Palmer .....	1000	0	0
To cash received in error .....	16	14	0
	£12387	9	0
CR.	£.	s.	d.
By payments .....	12095	7	3
By paid rent-charge to Michaelmas, 1842 .....	£27	3	0
By paid half-year's interest on loan, to Jan. 16, 1843 .....	50	0	0
	77	3	0
By cash at banks .....	214	18	9
	£12387	9	0

Mr. H. V. Worship, who had been elected as a Director and sent in his resignation, disclaimed all the merit of that ingenious composition. He called the attention of the meeting to the delay of Mr. Nelson in complying with the request of the Directors to come down and attend to what was required to be done, till it was almost too late to do them.

The Mayor suggested that any remarks relating to Mr. Nelson might be delayed till his arrival.

In reply to some observations from Mr. Worship, Mr. Dowson admitted that there had been much money mispent, but said also the